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PARIS ALSO FOR USRO STOESSEL MC GUIRE

RE SECTO 30 POUCHED ADDRESSEE POSTS, SENT MOSCOW 25.

KOHLER BRIEFED BRITISH AND GERMANS TODAY ON SECRETARY'S TWO AND HALF HOUR AFTER-DINNER CONVERSATION WITH GROMYKO LAST NIGHT. FRENCH ABSENT FROM BRIEFING BECAUSE OF LACK QUALIFIED PERSONNEL.

KOHLER BASED BRIEFING ON REFTEL PREFACING IT WITH ANALYSIS ESSENTIAL ELEMENT APPROACH TO SOVIETS HERE, I.E., TO STAND COMPLETELY FIRM ON ISSUE OF WESTERN TROOP PRESENCE BERLIN. THIS SEEMED BEST POSSIBILITY THIS STAGE TO DIVERT SOVS FROM SIGNING SEPARATE PEACE TREATY WITH GDR AND THE CONSEQUENCES THEY SAY THIS WOULD HAVE FOR WEST. ALTERNATIVELY, THIS TACTIC MIGHT MAKE SOVS AT LEAST MORE CAUTIOUS IN IMPLEMENTING THOSE PROVISIONS OF TREATY WHICH COULD CAUSE TROUBLE FOR ALLIES.

IN GENERAL DISCUSSION AFTERWARDS FOLLOWING POINTS MADE:

1. KOHLER NOTED LONG GROMYKO STATEMENT IN JULY 21 TALK (SECTO 41) WHICH MOST OF WESTERN PRESENTATION ADDRESSED WAS RESTATEMENT OF HIS STATEMENT JULY 12 TO INCLUDE KROGMOYEV INTERVIEW WITH US SENATORS JULY 16. STATEMENT TOOK SHARPER FORM AND FINAL CONVERSATION
2. ALL AGREED TALKS PRESENT "UNPLEASANT PICTURE" BUT NOT "A NEW ONE." SHUKREBUSHOV HAD

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SHUCKBRUGH HAD SLIGHT IMPRESSION THAT SOVS SLOWING DOWN THEIR PACE OR AT LEAST IMPLYING NO URGENCY.

3. GROMYKO'S FORMULATION OF GDR SOVEREIGNTY AS "VITAL INTEREST" OF USSR WAS RELATIVELY NOVEL. OTHER NEW THEMES WERE RENEWED EMPHASIS ON NATO-BERLIN RELATIONSHIP AND LINK BETWEEN "SECURITY OF USSR" AND END OF WEST BERLIN OCCUPATION.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM KRAFF, KOHLER SAID THAT SECRETARY'S EMPHASIS ON ALLIED SUSPENSION BERLIN CLAUSES OF GRUNDEGESETZ BORE NO RELATIONSHIP TO QUESTION OF PRESENT FRG TIES TO BERLIN WHICH WERE "NOT AN ISSUE AT THIS POINT".

5. GERMANS PROFESSED TO SEE SOME CHANGE IN SOV POSITION IN THAT FORMULATION ON CONSEQUENCES OF PEACE TREATY IN GROMYKO STATEMENT WAS "REGARDED" RATHER THAN "CONSIDERED" WHEN REFERRING TO BERLIN AS FREE CITY.

6. KOHLER SUGGESTED THAT LORD HOME NOT BE DRAWN INTO DISCUSSION ACCESS WITH GROMYKO AS THIS WOULD CREATE UNWARRANTED ASSUMPTION THAT WEST IS SEEKING SOME SOME GUARANTEE ON ACCESS WHICH MIGHT THUS ENCOURAGE SOVS TO PROCEED WITH TREATY.

7. KOHLER STRESSED THAT GROMYKO TWICE AVOIDED ANSWERING SECRETARY'S DIRECT QUESTION WHETHER PRESENCE WESTERN TROOPS IN BERLIN AND ACCESS THERETO WOULD IN ANY WAY BE AFFECTED BY USSR AND SOME OTHER STATES SIGNING A SEPARATE PEACE TREATY. BOTH TIMES GROMYKO MERELY REPEATED THAT WEST WOULD HAVE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH SOVEREIGN GDR, NOT USSR, ON ALL MATTERS OF INTEREST, INCLUDING ACCESS.

8. LAST POINT STRESSED WAS THAT GROMYKO'S RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S SUGGESTION THAT BOTH SIDES THINK ABOUT PROBLEM OVERNIGHT WAS NEXT MORNING TO INVITE SECRETARY TO LUNCH JULY 24.

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